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CRESSY, EDWARD. *An Outline of Industrial History*. Pp. xiv, 364. Price, \$1.10. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1915.

This is an admirable little book both in what it proposes to do and in what it does. It is offered as a supplement to smaller histories and as an introduction to the larger ones which trace the growth of industry and commerce primarily from the standpoint of English development. The scientific or technological basis of industry is emphasized. The various fields of economic enterprise are described in a succession of chapters. Political activity in certain phases and economic thought in its main outlines are treated in parallel chapters.

R. C. McC.

FISHER, ARNE (trans. and edited by). *The Mathematical Theory of Probabilities and Its Application to Frequency Curves and Statistical Methods*. Pp. xx, 171. Price, \$2.00. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1915.

A statement of modern studies in probability in a volume available to English readers. Mr. F. W. Frankland, well known actuary and member of actuarial and statistical societies in the United States and Great Britain, writes an introduction to it and declares it to be the finest book in the English language on the subject.

B. D. M.

HUDDERS, E. R. *Indexing and Filing*. Pp. xii, 292. Price, \$3.00. New York: Ronald Press Company, 1916.

Each office has filing needs peculiarly its own, and yet after all there is a striking uniformity in the fundamentals underlying the filing and indexing of correspondence and material. In this work, Mr. Hudders has completely described, in a clear and concise style, the various forms of filing systems. Some of the chapter headings will serve to indicate the nature of the material set forth: rules for writing indexes, filing of papers, direct alphabetic filing, alphabetic-numeric filing, information and data files, catalog and pamphlet filing, purchase records, sales records, credit records, filing of sales invoices, filing in lawyers' offices, architectural filing, files of an accountant, etc. The work will prove of value not only to those who are anxious to establish a filing system that is accurate, comprehensive and expansive, but also to those whose already established filing systems seem not to provide for expansion adequate to the incoming material.

A. E. R.

Philadelphia.

KELTIE, J. SCOTT (Ed.). *The Statesman's Year Book*, 1915. Pp. lxxxiv, 1536. Price, \$3.50. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1915.

In spite of the unusual difficulties involved in the preparation of the *Statesman's Year Book for 1915*, the publication has lost none of its interest and value. The difficulties involved in securing recent data with reference to the countries of Western Europe have not in any way detracted from the value of the work.

Furthermore, the material relating to the Far East, especially that relating to China, has been considerably enlarged. In view of the conditions under which this publication has been issued the editors are to be congratulated on the content of the 1915 edition.

L. S. R.

NEWELL, FREDERICK HAYNES. *Irrigation Management*. Pp. x, 306. Price, \$2.00. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1916.

The fundamental problem connected with irrigation is not concerned with concrete and the digging of ditches. The main question and the real difficulty really arise when the dams are built and the water is stored behind them. To properly utilize the irrigation systems and to get fair returns from the land irrigated are the vital problems to be solved.

With this as his thesis, Mr. Newell treats some of the specific difficulties which grow out of it. Thus he discusses the methods of operation, operation organization, the legal aspect, and various other problems.

The book contains a great deal of valuable information for the man actually engaged in the work. In this connection, it might be suggested that a few more illustrations would not be amiss. For college work, it should form an excellent basis for class discussion.

Much of the material in the book has been put forth before in one form or another. But the book strikes one or two new notes, as for instance, in the chapter on the importance of the human factor. As a whole it forms a collection of instructive data, rather well arranged.

J. S. K.

RIPLEY, WILLIAM Z. *Trusts, Pools and Corporations* (Revised). Pp. xxxiii, 872. Price, \$2.75. Boston: Ginn and Company, 1916.

Since the publication of the first edition of this work in 1905, there have been many important changes in the organization and regulation of industrial combinations. The decisions of the Supreme Court in the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company suits, the application of the principle laid down in these cases, and the enactment of the Clayton law and the Trade Commission law have been the outstanding features of a new and important period. In this edition Professor Ripley presents the leading documentary and other descriptive material concerning both the earlier and the recent phases of the "trust" problem.

T. W. V. M.

ROBINSON, CHARLES M. *City Planning: with special reference to the Planning of Streets and Lots*. Pp. xiii, 344. Price, \$2.50. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1916.

Town planning has acquired the distinction of being both the art and science of laying out cities to serve the business requirements, convenience, health and comfort of the public. Mr. Robinson's book teaches the methods of town planning. It not only carries the merit of creating within the reader a stronger desire